IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering encoded pictures, comprising:

forming encoded pictures in an encoder, wherein at least one ~~group of pictures~~video sequence is formed,

defining a picture identification for each picture of the at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~,

transmitting said encoded pictures to a decoder, and

arranging the encoded pictures in decoding order,

wherein each picture of the at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~ has a distinct video sequence identification separate from the picture identification associated to the picture,

wherein the video sequence identification has the same value for each picture of the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and

wherein the video sequence identification is arranged to be used for determining which pictures belong to the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, **wherein** two or more ~~groups~~sequences of pictures are formed, and video sequence identifications having a different value are defined for said two or more ~~groups~~sequences of pictures.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, **wherein** the decoding order of pictures is determined according to the video sequence identification.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, **wherein** the video sequence identifications are transmitted on a transmission layer, and the picture identifications are transmitted on a video layer.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for decoding an encoded picture stream in a decoder, said stream comprising at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~, for each picture of the video sequence~~group of pictures~~ a picture identification has been defined, and for each picture of the video sequence~~group of pictures~~ a distinct video sequence identification separate from the picture identification has been defined, wherein the video sequence identification has the same value for each picture of the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and wherein in the decoding, the video sequence identification is used for determining which pictures belong to the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, **wherein** one picture of video sequence~~each group of pictures~~ is an independently decodable picture for which said video sequence identification is defined, at least one sub-sequence is formed of the pictures of the video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and that each picture of the sub-sequence has the same value of the video sequence identification as the independently decodable picture of the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~.

8. (Currently Amended) An encoder for encoding pictures and for ordering encoded pictures, comprising:

an arranger for forming at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~ of the encoded pictures and defining a picture identification for each picture of the video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and

a definer for defining a distinct video sequence identification separate from the picture identification for each picture of the at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~,

wherein the video sequence identification is arranged to have the same value for each picture of the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and

wherein the video sequence identification is arranged to be used for determining which pictures belong to the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A decoder for decoding encoded pictures, and for forming decoded pictures, said encoded pictures comprising at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and for

each picture of the video sequence~~group of pictures~~ a distinct video sequence identification separate from a picture identification has been defined, wherein the video sequence identification has the same value for each picture of the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~, said decoder further comprising a re-arranger for arranging the encoded pictures in decoding order, and a processor for determining which pictures belong to the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~ by using the video sequence identification.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions for performing a method for ordering encoded pictures, the method comprising:

forming encoded pictures in an encoder, wherein at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~ is formed,

defining a picture identification for each picture of the video sequence~~group of pictures~~,

transmitting said encoded pictures to a decoder, and

arranging the encoded pictures in decoding order,

wherein each picture of said at least one video sequence~~group of pictures~~ has a distinct video sequence identification separate from the picture identification associated to the picture,

wherein the video sequence identification has the same value for each picture of the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~, and

wherein the video sequence identification is arranged to be used for determining which pictures belong to the same video sequence~~group of pictures~~.

11. (CANCELLED)

12. (Previously Presented) A method for ordering encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, comprising:

forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture, and

forming at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture,

the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture,

defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, **wherein** the identifier is defined as an integer number.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, **wherein** a larger integer number with wrap around indicates a later decoding order.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 12, **wherein** said first transmission unit includes a first slice and said second transmission unit includes a second slice.

16. (Previously Presented) A device for ordering encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, the device comprising:

an arranger for forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture and at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, and

a definer for defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

17. (Original) The device according to claim 16, **wherein** it is a gateway device.

18. (Original) The device according to claim 16, **wherein** it is a mobile communication device.

19. (Original) The device according to claim 16, **wherein** it is a streaming server.

20. (Previously Presented) An encoder for encoding pictures and for ordering encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, the encoder comprising:

an arranger for forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture and at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different form video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, and

a definer for defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

21. (Original) The device according to claim 20, **wherein** said arranger is arranged to include a first slice into said first transmission unit and a second slice into said second transmission unit.

22. (Previously Presented) A decoder for decoding encoded pictures for forming decoded pictures, the encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture transmitted in at least a first transmission unit formed on the basis of the first encoded picture and in at least a second transmission unit formed on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, **wherein** the decoder comprises a processor for determining the decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit on the basis of a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

23. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

an encoder for encoding pictures and for ordering encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, the encoder comprising an arranger for forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture and at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, and

a decoder for decoding the encoded pictures,

wherein the system further comprises:

in the encoder a definer for defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture, and

a processor in the decoder for determining the decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit on the basis of said first identifier and said second identifier.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions for performing a method for ordering encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, for forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture, and at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, **wherein** the computer program further comprises computer executable instructions for defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

25. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions for performing a method for ordering encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, for forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture, and at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, **wherein** the computer program further comprising computer executable instructions for defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

26. (CANCELLED)

27. (Previously Presented) A module for ordering encoded pictures for transmission, the encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture, the module comprising:

an arranger for forming at least a first transmission unit on the basis of the first encoded picture and at least a second transmission unit on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, and

a definer for defining a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, the first and the second identifiers being indicative of the respective decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit, and the first and the second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

28. (Previously Presented) A module for reordering encoded pictures for decoding, the encoded pictures comprising a first and a second encoded picture transmitted in at least a first

transmission unit formed on the basis of the first encoded picture and in at least a second transmission unit formed on the basis of the second encoded picture, the first and second transmission units being units configured for network transmission and being different from video coding units of the first and second encoded picture, **wherein** the module comprises a processor for determining the decoding order of information included in the first transmission unit and information included in the second transmission unit on the basis of a first identifier of said first transmission unit and a second identifier of said second transmission unit, and the first and second identifiers being different from the video coding units of the first and the second encoded picture.

29. (Previously Presented) The module according to claim 27, wherein said arranger is configured to include a first slice into said first transmission unit and a second slice into said second transmission unit.